

South Central Regional Library Council Regional Automation Program: Applications for 2005 Funding.

Library/System	Project	Request	Recommended Funding	Reduced funding 5%	Review Panel Notes
South Central Research Library Council <i>Access, Content</i>	Regional resource sharing	Mgt \$35,000 DB \$154,835 Total \$189,835	\$35,000 \$154,835 \$189,835	\$180,343	Hold harmless projects. Provide statistics on use of RBDB funds for databases and BARC.
Cayuga Onondaga SLS <i>Recon</i>	Convert 6,000 records for a non-public school in the system	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$2,850	Thorough, well written proposal. The community involvement is great!
Finger Lakes Library System <i>Recon</i>	Convert records from Cortland Free Library	\$20,000	\$15,500	\$14,725	We understand the timing is awkward, but need to report on use of last year's funds – what actually got done.
NYS Historical Association <i>Content/Recon</i>	Convert 300, 600, 929 sections of collection	\$24,149	\$11,051	\$10,498	Need to distinguish between unique/ubiquitous more clearly – funding for each is different. Cannot cover shipping, batch loading.
Steuben Allegany SLS <i>Content/Recon</i>	Enrich records	\$18,890	0	0	Recon considered more important at this time. Proposal assumed too much – panel did not understand enough about what enrichment would be done. Consider submitting again in 2005 and address: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • what fields enriched • spell out regional value of enrichment • who would have access to the records • provide Marcive information including quote.
Totals		\$255,874	\$219,386	\$208,416	

ACITS Recommended Distribution:

Access (Resource Sharing)	\$ 35,000	14% of total funds available
Content (Electronic Resources)	\$160,000	73% of total funds available
Other & Recon	\$ 24,149	16% of total funds available

Application Summary:

Access:	\$ 40740	14% of total applications
Content:	\$154,835	60% of total applications
Other/Recon	\$ 66,039	26% of total applications

Recommended Funding Summary:

Access:	\$ 35,000	14% of funding
Content:	\$154,835	71% of funding
Other/Recon	\$ 29,551	14 % of funding

Report from the Outside Review Panel for RBDB Applications for the year 2005

Additional comments:

- Continuing projects should have some sort of history, statistics, use information etc. The application form should note this.
- Evaluation question in application should reflect this history issue if funds were received for the same project in the past.
- Get the ERC to review the SCRLC suite of databases against the NOVEL suite again. Instead of checking for title overlaps, see which suite can be used to answer “typical” questions. If information or answers can be found satisfactorily through NOVEL, consider dropping some or all of the SCRLC suite – perhaps just get WorldCat and NewsBank?
- Advocate for statewide FirstSearch?
- Can the database fee (\$500) charged to SLS be CoSered? Probably not but need to check.
- SCRLC can/should check regional use of the NOVEL database use – need to get permission from NYSL.
- The Review Panel should continue even for a small number of proposals – confirms the fairness of the review.
- Reduced funds in the future? At present, we can’t do anything new using RBDB funds. Options: Cut back databases, use alternative/local funding, replace with NOVEL products.
- Enrichment and other metadata: Not sure of the value for region, not as important as completing recon at this time, all such records must be shared with the region. Panel recommends enriching as libraries go along and building up the enriched catalogs now rather than going back and doing a retrospective project – buy enriched records, use OCLC. The SLS should encourage districts to purchase enriched records.

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